CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	8216e7f1996da324_0_embedded_1.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	2000124.008
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	New Zealand Defence Force Military Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	18 May 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	18 May 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is an image of a dog's head with URLs promoting bestiality websites. It is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support bestiality under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993. Although bestiality is not depicted, the only likely purpose for branding the image with URLs to bestiality websites is to advertise this material to people with an interest in sex with animals, thereby encouraging this illegal interest. The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent the availability of publications that promote and support the crime of bestiality.